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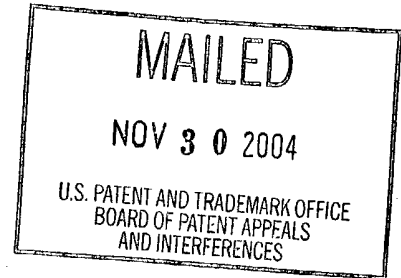
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte STEPHEN M. ANDERTON,
RUURD VAN DER ZEE, and
WILLEM VAN EDEN

Appeal No. 2004-1723
Application 08/716169

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and
WILLIAM F. SMITH and JEFFREY V. NASE, Administrative Patent Judges.


Per curiam.

On October 5, 2004, counsel for the appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."


Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.


Gary V. Harkcom, Acting Chief
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